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EXPORT OF SPICES AND COFFEE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports of spices and coffee alongwith its value during each of the last three years and in the current year, till date, State-wise;

(b) the production status of spices and coffee during the above period; and

(c) the special scheme covering the plantations in the country to boost production and export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The details of exports of Spices and Coffee alongwith its value during each of the last three years and in the current year are given below:
Exports (Qty: MT -Value: Rs. crore)

Crops	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08 (Apr-Feb)	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
Spices	348524	2350.51	350363	2627.62	373750	3575.75	377000	3785.40
Coffee	211765	1224.67	201555	1510.38	249030	2007.90	210000	1600.00

(b): The details of production of spices and coffee during the last three years are:
(in tonnes)

Crops	Production		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Spices (major spices)	18,62,128	19,28,635	22,79,064
Coffee	2,75,500	2,74,000	2,88,000

(c): In order to boost the production/productivity and quality of spices and coffee produced in the country, the Government has launched a replantation/rejuvenation programme in the 11th Five Year Plan so as to replant old and unproductive tracts.

To boost the export of these commodities, special attention is being given to quality improvement by extending financial and technical assistance to the growers and other stakeholders. Other activities being undertaken to boost export earning of these commodities are: participation in trade fairs and exhibitions; organizing buyer-seller meets; financial assistance to exporters to participate in international fairs and exhibitions; brand promotion; public relation campaigns etc.